Are you ready for summer? It is here! Summer is the perfect time to spend with friends and family.

This is also a time to interact with your birds. Perhaps you would have friends over to enjoy summer activities. Be sure to let them observe your birds.

The American Racing Pigeon Union has literature to share with people, regardless of age, that might be interested in participating in the hobby. Please let us know if you would like us to send flyers and pamphlets to you to share with others.

We also have literature that should be helpful to you as pigeon fanciers. We have several brochures available. We have one set of pamphlets that contain information regarding breeding, young bird racing, old bird flying and feeding. Another part of this set of six pamphlets discusses health care. Maintaining a healthy loft and healthy birds is the key to success in racing.

In the August edition of Pigeon Tracks, we will share an update on the national youth race. For those that are entered, please stay in touch with the handler, Lou Gurino (352-895-4420). He is as excited about the youth race as we are.

We wish you an enjoyable and safe summer.

Karen Clifton, AU Executive Director
We hope this edition of Pigeon Tracks finds all AU junior members doing well and preparing for a successful and fun racing season.

Need to promote your hobby? We’ve got you covered! Here a sample of some of the literature.

Let us know what you need.
405-848-5801
aupromo@aol.com

Photographs

Do you have a photograph you would like to share of you and your favorite bird? Write a couple of sentences why its your favorite.

Send to aupromo@aol.com or
American Racing Pigeon Union
P.O. Box 18465
Oklahoma City, OK 73154
AMERICAN RACING PIGEON UNION
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The AU Youth Scholarship Program has been established to assist members or relatives of members pursue their educational goals.

AU members and their relatives are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Criteria is listed below:

- Must be 23 years old or younger
- Must have a minimum B average
- Must be an AU member or relative of an AU member
- Must submit a **signed application, bio, proof of GPA & photo by no later than June 1**
- Bio will include educational & professional goals, work experience & community service involvement. Tell us how you work within the community (service programs, clubs, scouting, church, etc.) Be sure to include any certificates of acknowledgement or achievement and letters of recommendation. Supporting letters from educators are important.

Applications **must be postmarked no later than June 1 each year**. Applications and bios will be reviewed by the AU Youth Scholarship Committee. The top three essays (with the above information) will be selected. Each scholarship recipient will receive $2,000.00 to assist toward fulfilling their educational goals. Those that have already received an AU scholarship are not eligible to apply.

Award recipients will be notified. Upon receipt of proof of enrollment for the Fall semester, a check will be issued.

Scholarship winners will be announced each year in the AU Yearbook.

**MAIL APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS TO:**

**ARPU**
**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
**PO BOX 18465**
**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73154-0465**
AMERICAN RACING PIGEON UNION
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Complete ALL questions & return with bio & a current photograph postmarked no later than 6/1

NAME: ______________________________ PHONE: ____________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________ CITY: ____________________________

STATE: _______________ ZIP: __________ EMAIL: ___________________________

COLLEGE ATTENDING IN THE FALL: _______________________________________

COLLEGE LEVEL: FRESHMAN__ SOPH__ JUNIOR__ SENIOR__ GRADUATE__

FIELD OF STUDY: _______________________________________________________

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE GPA (as of the completion of the last semester – provide proof)________

HOBBIES/CLUBS/COMMUNITY PROJECTS _______________________________________

HONORS RECEIVED (not required - include copies of certificates, etc.): __________

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DESCRIBE FINANCIAL NEED: _______________________________________________

________________________________________

ARE YOU AN AU MEMBER OR RELATED TO AN AU MEMBER? INCLUDE AU ID NUMBER __________. IF RELATED TO AN AU MEMBER, EXPLAIN: __________

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SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH A BRIEF BIO/ESSAY WHICH INCLUDES:
• EDUCATIONAL GOALS
• PROFESSIONAL GOALS
• WORK EXPERIENCE
• COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT – HOW DO YOU GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY?
• LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

MUST HAVE A MINIMUM B AVERAGE & BE 23 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER

Applicant Signature __________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature ________________

Candidates previously awarded a scholarship are not eligible.
Mike Parrish (Northern Indiana RPC) has started a Pigeon Racing program for 4-H youth in Jasper County.

Ronnie Shumaker, AU SE Zone Director, has been working with AU member, Mike Parrish, as he establishes a new 4-H group focused on pigeons. In the photo below, you will see the 4-H kids in Indiana proudly holding the baskets they made with the help of volunteers.

Ronnie tells us that the Southeast Louisiana Combine has pledged around 30 birds for this project. Thanks to all those helping to make sure this is a successful group. Special thanks go to 4-H leader/AU member, Mike Parrish!
Carlina Low Country enjoyed sharing the sport with Daisy Elementary students

**South Carolina** – Carolina Low Country Club had a Show and Tell at Daisy Elementary School. It was an enjoyable day while spending time with the kids and staff at Daisy Elementary school in Loris, SC. Ray Lebrun and David Neal, members of the Carolina Low Country Club in Loris, SC spear-headed the event which was a career event for the students that day. We can see how excited the kids were about viewing some racing pigeons and the setup that was displayed. Information about the American Racing Pigeon Union was available by the AU office and flyers were given out. It’s always about exposing the pigeons in a positive way while also showing the public the enjoyment one can have in their own backyards. As we all know, without exposure and talking about the great sport, many have no idea that we even exist. Article Submitted by Eddie Ortiz

**Indiana** – Jeff and Tammy Hierholzer hosted a home school event about racing homers. John Mcquithy with the Indianapolis RPC was the speaker. There were 22 adults and 30 children in attendance. Lots of questions and answers were provided. The youngsters all got instructional flyers supplied by the AU office. Pigeons were released at the close of the class. The pigeons were 15 miles from home. John received a phone call from his sister, Billie, confirming their arrival. They made it in 15 minutes with a good tail wind. What a great way to promote the sport.